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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS



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29 August 2008

NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY, FLORIDA

1. This notice supercedes notices dated 30 May 2007 and 30 January 2008.
2. Mariners are hereby notified previous posted restrictions have been lifted regarding the Okeechobee Waterway (OWW):

- a) Sufficient available draft of including Lake Okeechobee Route 1
- b) The temporary scheduled lockages at St Lucie and W. P. Franklin

Normal operations are now in place allowing transit for commercial and recreational vessels.

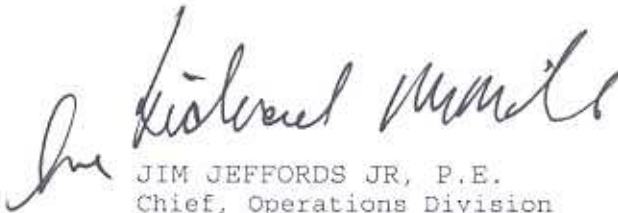
3. Route 2 (the Rim Canal) is closed to navigation due to the uncharted debris from previous hurricanes of 2005.
4. Due to the current hurricane season, mariners are advised normal navigation through OWW could change on short notice due to direct and indirect effects from storm systems.
5. As of August 29, 2008, the elevation of Lake Okeechobee is 14.13 ft. NGVD.

a) The following table gives lake elevation and corresponding navigation depth at a glance for Route 1.

Route 1	
Lake elevation (Feet NGVD)	Channel Depth (Feet)
14	7.94
12	5.94
10	3.94
8	1.94

6. Additional information regarding these and other issues may be obtained by visiting the website at www.saj.usace.army.mil and select NAVIGATION PROJECTS then select NAVIGATION BULLETINS AND LOCK CLOSURE INFORMATION or by contacting the US Army Corps of Engineers South Florida Operations Office, at (863)983-8101.

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